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Kia ora Koutou

Maternity Leave

Firstly, I would like to **congratulate Angel Moore**, who is expecting her second child. Angel will be going on maternity leave as of the end of Term 1, 2016.

Inter Zone Athletics

Our apologies to **Katie Jones** for omitting her name from the Inter Zone list last week and to **Ethan Taupau-Leota**, for misspelling his surname.

Those who made it through to the Regionals are: **Ciara Fenwick 100m; Amelia Burley 100m, High Jump and Long Jump; Esther Kozyniak 1000m; Edie Kozyniak 1000m; Eden Leota Quoit; Charlotte Foster-Ellis Quoit.** **Congratulations** and all the best at the Regionals.

Grandparents' Liturgy

A reminder that our Grandparents' Liturgy will be held on **Friday 27th November** in the Cathedral at 1.15pm. Parking in the playground after 1pm.

Father James

We are approaching the end of the month of "The Faithful Departed". I'm sure you have taken some time to remember family members and others who have died. Remembering is a beautiful gift that we shouldn't take for granted. When a person's memory fails or disappears their whole personality is affected; their personal and social life suffers enormously. A sign outside a dementia unit in a hospital care facility reads, *Don't forget those who cannot remember.*

Do you realise that half of what we are is made up of memories? And memories come from our experiences. So try as hard as you can to make sure that every experience you have is a good one, healthy, wholesome and loving. That way you will never have the burden of carrying bad memories. We also need to make sure that the memories we create for other people through our relationships with them are nothing but the best.

Disco Disco

The school disco will be held on **Friday 4 December**. Tickets are now on sale for \$5.00. The Student Council will go around the rooms selling tickets first thing in the morning starting tomorrow.



Rms 1, 2 and 3: 6.30pm-7.30pm
Rms 5, 6 and 7: 7.00pm– 8.30pm
Rms 8, 9 and 10: 7.00pm– 9.00pm

It is important that all Juniors leave at 7.30pm and all Middles at 8.30pm. Parents of the Seniors are asked to help clean up at 9.00pm.

Code Club

The Code Club presentation will be held on **Tuesday 1 December** at **3.00pm** in Room 9.

Music Groups

The Orchestra, Ukulele and Choir are performing for their families on **Tuesday 1 December** in Connolly Hall at **7.00pm**.

Junior Trip

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help on our trip to the Botanical Gardens on **Thursday 3rd December**. Another notice will go out tomorrow.

Baby Sitter Available

If you're looking for a reliable, on-call baby sitter in central Wellington, contact Xavier English on 022 1537350. Xavier is an old boy of Sacred Heart and is currently a senior pupil at St Patrick's College.

Camp 2016

For all this year's Year 6 and Year 7 children, there will be a camp next year at Forest Lakes Camp. The camp dates are **Monday 21st March** until **Thursday 24th March**. If any parents are able to help, please let Cathy in the office know or Mrs Geraghty in Room 8.

Touch

Thank you to the parents who are helping out with teams. This term has been particularly difficult for me to get to games.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Grace Clueard** who has been selected for the **Wellington Under 15 Softball** team. Well done Grace.

Board News

Hi everyone. Both the staff and the Board have had a busy few weeks preparing for, and addressing, both the 3 year ERO review as well as the Catholic Education Office special character review. I will include a piece in a subsequent newsletter on the reports that come out of both reviews. While the reviews can bring their own challenges in terms of time demands, they have both been positive processes enabling the Board and Staff to reflect on what the

school does well and what areas can we continue to develop to enable the children to become the best they can be.

BOT meeting on 28 October

The Board reviewed writing achievement data from earlier in the year . This data will be compared with data available in late November to assess what progress the children have made during the year. We will provide you with school wide data on reading , writing, and mathematics in the annual report (sent to you around May each year). This data also forms the basis for the staff to assess their teaching strategies, what achievement targets should the Board set for next year, and what teaching support is needed to help achieve those targets . In short the data should support a virtuous cycle of reflection, learning and further action.

Our strategic review focus was on [the school](#) community relationships. Progress has been made on the increased use of technology to engage with our school community, for example, through the website. Our annual program of liturgies, masses and social activities have been well attended as have parent interviews and meet the teacher information evenings. Because our families are from a broad catchment, fostering community relationships is a challenge and it is pleasing there is a strong sense of community within the school.

Maori Language: Nga Rerenga Korero

Kei te mahana te wai?	Is the water warm?
Kei te makariri te wai?	Is the water cold?

Mahana = warm

Me horoi koe, e te tau!	You should wash my darling.
Me haere koe, e te tau!	You should go, my darling.
Me kai koe, e te tau!	You should eat, my darling.

Horoi = wash

Wacky Wednesday

Thanks for all your help in making *Wacky Wednesday* a fun day!

Bill Turley
Principal ☺☆

